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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- 1) Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-294345, published October 26, 1999.

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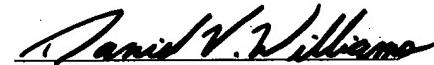
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant respectfully submits an English-language translation of a Japanese Office Action dated December 6, 2005 citing the disclosed reference.

Also cited in the Japanese Office Action are JP 11-252851, which was previously submitted in the IDS dated December 24, 2003; and JP 9-68713, which was submitted in the IDS dated October 7, 2005. Therefore, these references are not being resubmitted.

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